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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/009,292
Filing Date	November 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Squirell
Group Art Unit	1654
Examiner Name	Louise Leary
Attorney Docket Number	41577-266329

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may file a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other _____

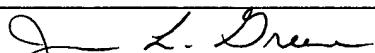
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

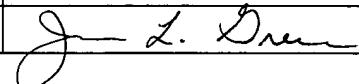
- a. Check in the amount of \$2,150 is enclosed for the following fees:
 - i. RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), REQUIRED when filing the RCE.
 - ii. Extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 and 1.17.
- b. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 11-0855

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED

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In re Application of:)
DAVID J. SQUIRELL ET AL.)
Serial No.: 10/009,292) Art Unit: 1654
Filed: November 13, 2001) Examiner: Leary, Louise
For: CELL ASSAY, METHODS)
AND REAGENTS)

THIRD AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1430

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed February 26, 2004, a response which is due March 23, 2004, Applicants respectfully file this Third Amendment and Response to Office Action with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a three-month extension of time to file a response to the final office Action mailed on September 23, 2003, is enclosed together with a check in the amount of \$950.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). A check in the amount of \$770.00 is also enclosed to cover the payment of fees for the RCE pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and appended remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

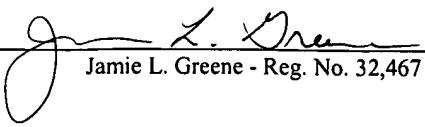
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